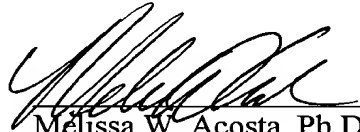


these amendments do not narrow the scope of the claims within the meaning of *Festo Corp. v. Shoketsu Kinzoku Kogyo Kabushiki Co., Ltd.*, 234 F.3d 558, 586, 56 USPQ2d 1865, 1886 (Fed. Cir. 2000).

Applicant does not believe that there is a fee required to file this preliminary amendment. If applicant is in error, applicant authorizes the Commissioner to charge any required fees to the Deposit Account No. 06-2375/10102583, from which the undersigned is authorized to draw.

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